

Amendments to the Claims

Listing of Claims:

1. (Withdrawn) A compound of formula I:



wherein:

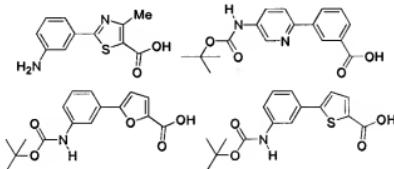
Z is H or an amino protecting group;

Z' is OH, a protected or activated hydroxyl group or Cl;

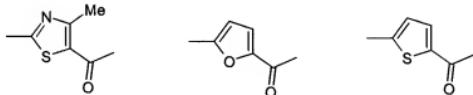
A is an optionally substituted C₅₋₆ arylene group;

B is an optionally substituted C₅₋₆ arylene group;

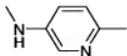
except for the following compounds:



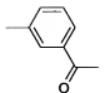
2. (Withdrawn-previously presented) The compound according to claim 1, wherein when B is phenylene with an -NH- β to the bond between A and B, then -A-CO- is not:



3. (Withdrawn-previously presented) The compound according to claim 1, wherein when -NH-B- is:



then -A-CO- is not:



4. (Withdrawn – previously presented) The compound according to claim 1, wherein Z' is a protected hydroxyl group.

5. (Withdrawn – previously presented) The compound according to claim 1, wherein A and B are independently selected from phenylene, and arylene groups derived from C₅ heteroaryl groups having one or two heteroatoms.

6. (Previously presented) A polyamido moiety comprising at least one unit of formula II:



wherein:

A is an optionally substituted C₅₋₆ arylene group;

B is an optionally substituted C₅₋₆ arylene group;

wherein said unit of formula II is bound to one or more other units selected from:

(i) units of formula II; and

(ii) amino-heteroarylene-carbonyl units of formula III:



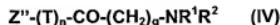
wherein E is either optionally substituted C₅₋₂₀ heteroarylene or C₈₋₁₀ heteroarylene-C₅₋₂₀ arylene.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously presented) The polyamido moiety according to claim 6, wherein A and B are independently selected from phenylene, and heteroarylene groups derived from C₅ heteroaryl groups having one or two heteroatoms.

9. (Canceled).

10. (Withdrawn – previously presented) The compound according to claim 9, having a formula IV:



wherein:

Z'' is OH or a protected hydroxy group;

each T is independently selected from units of formulae II, III or V:



wherein:

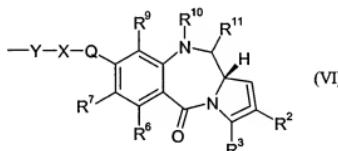
q' is from 1 to 3;

n is from 1 to 10;

q is from 1 to 3; and

R^1 and R^2 are independently selected from C₁₋₄ alkyl.

11. (Withdrawn – previously presented) The compound according to claim 9, comprising a pyrrolobenzodiazepine moiety of formula VI:



and salts, solvates, chemically protected forms, and prodrugs thereof, wherein:

the dotted lines indicate the optional presence of a double bond between C1 and C2 or C2 and C3;

R^2 and R^3 are independently selected from -H, -OH, =O, =CH₂, -CN, -R, OR, halo, =CH-R, O-SO₂-R, CO₂R and COR;

R^6 , R^7 and R^9 are independently selected from H, R, OH, OR, SH, SR, NH₂, NHR, NRR', nitro, Me₃Sn and halo; where R and R' are independently selected from optionally substituted C₁₋₇ alkyl, C₃₋₂₀ heterocyclil and C₅₋₂₀ aryl groups;

or R⁶ and R⁷ together form a group -O-(CH₂)_p-O-, where p is 1 or 2;
R¹⁰ is a nitrogen protecting group and R¹¹ is either O-R¹⁵, wherein R¹⁵ is a hydroxyl protecting group, or R¹⁵ is OH; or

R¹⁰ and R¹¹ together form a double bond between N10 and C11;

Q is selected from O, S, NH or a single bond;

X is a divalent group such that HY = R, or a single bond;

Y is either NH or C(=O).

12. (Withdrawn – previously presented) The compound according to claim 11, wherein R⁹ is H.

13. (Withdrawn – previously presented) The compound according to claim 11, wherein R⁸ is selected from H, OH, OR, SH, NH₂, nitro and halo.

14. (Withdrawn – previously presented) The compound according to claim 11, wherein R⁷ is independently selected from H, OR, SH, SR, NH₂, NHR, NRR' and halo.

15. (Withdrawn – previously presented) The compound according to claim 11, wherein R¹⁰ is BOC, Troc or alloc.

16. (Withdrawn – previously presented) The compound according to claim 11, wherein R¹⁵ is THP or a silyl oxygen protecting group.

17. (Withdrawn – previously presented) The compound according to claim 11, wherein R¹⁰ and R¹¹ together form a double bond between N10 and C11.

18. (Withdrawn – previously presented) The compound according to claim 11, wherein Q is NH, O or a single bond.

19. (Withdrawn – previously presented) The compound according to claim 11, wherein X is a single bond or C₁₋₇ alkylene.

20. (Withdrawn – previously presented) The compound according to claim 11, wherein R³ is H.

21. (Withdrawn – previously presented) The compound according to claim 11, wherein R² is R.
22. (Canceled)
23. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition containing the compound of claim 9, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.
24. (Canceled)
25. (Withdrawn – previously presented) A method of treatment of a proliferative disease, comprising administering to a subject in need of treatment a therapeutically-effective amount of the compound of claim 9.
26. (Canceled)